

Clean Version Of The Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(3):

1. (Unchanged) A method for operating a computing device during an initial first boot sequence, comprising:

prompting a user to enter a zip code;

determining corresponding configuration information from the zip code;

and

using the configuration information to configure the computing device.

2. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the prompting comprises presenting a graphical user interface that requests the user to enter the zip code.

3. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises looking up the configuration information in a data structure.

4. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises querying a local database to lookup the configuration information.

5. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the determining comprises:

passing the zip code over a network to a remote site, the remote site having a database that correlates the zip code and corresponding configuration information;

1 querying the database at the remote site using the zip code to lookup the
2 corresponding configuration information; and
3 returning the configuration information from the remote site.
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5 6. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising
6 populating data fields with the configuration information.
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8 7. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the configuration
9 information includes a time setting, and the using the configuration information
10 comprises automatically configuring the time / date parameters of the computing
11 device with the time setting.
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13 8. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the configuration
14 information includes a city name and a state name, and the using the configuration
15 information comprises automatically configuring the city and state names for the
16 computing device.
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18 9. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the configuration
19 information includes a telephone area code, and the using the configuration
20 information comprises automatically configuring the telephone area code for the
21 computing device.

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23 10. (Once Amended) A method for operating a computing device,
24 comprising:
25 executing an initial first boot sequence; and

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1 during the initial first boot sequence, receiving a zip code, looking up
2 corresponding configuration information based on the zip code, and populating
3 data fields used to configure the computing device with the configuration
4 information.

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6 11. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, further comprising
7 presenting the configuration information to a user and prompting the user to
8 confirm accuracy of the configuration information.

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10 12. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, further comprising
11 configuring the computing device using the configuration information.

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13 13. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
14 configuration information includes a time setting, and further comprising
15 automatically configuring the time / date parameters of the computing device with
16 the time setting.

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18 14. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
19 configuration information includes a city name and a state name, and further
20 comprising automatically filling in data fields holding the city name and the state
21 name.

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23 15. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
24 configuration information includes a telephone area code, and further comprising
25 automatically filling in a data field holding the telephone area code.

16. (Once Amended) A method for operating a computing device,
comprising:

executing an initial first boot sequence, comprising:

receiving a zip code;

establishing a connection to a remote database server, the database
server correlating zip codes with corresponding configuration
information;

passing the zip code to the database server;

looking up the corresponding configuration information correlated
with the zip code at the database server;

returning the configuration information from the database server to
the computing device;

storing the zip code at the computing device;

populating data fields used to configure the computing device with
the configuration information; and

prompting the user to confirm accuracy of the configuration
information.

17. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the establishing
comprises connecting to the remote database server over the Internet.

18. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the establishing
comprises connecting to the remote database server over a wireless network.

1 19. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, further comprising
2 configuring the computing device using the configuration information.
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4 20. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the
5 configuration information includes a time setting, and further comprising
6 automatically configuring the time / date parameters of the computing device with
7 the time setting.
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9 21. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the
10 configuration information includes a city name and a state name, and further
11 comprising automatically filling in data fields holding the city name and the state
12 name.
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14 22. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the
15 configuration information includes a telephone area code, and further comprising
16 automatically filling in a data field holding the telephone area code.

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18 23. (Once Amended) A system comprising:
19 a computing device;
20 a zip code database that correlates zip codes and corresponding
21 configuration information; and
22 the computing device prompting a user, during an initial first boot
23 sequence, to enter a zip code and using the zip code to look up the corresponding
24 configuration information in the zip code database.
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1 24. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the computing
2 device has a screen and presents a graphical user interface on the screen to prompt
3 the user to enter the zip code.

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5 25. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the zip code
6 database resides at the computing device.

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8 26. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the zip code
9 database is remote from the computing device.

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11 27. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the zip code
12 database is remote from the computing device, and the computing device passes
13 the zip code over a network to the remote zip code database where the zip code is
14 used to query the zip code database to lookup the corresponding configuration
15 information.

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17 28. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the computing
18 device populates data fields used in configuring the computing device with the
19 configuration information.

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21 29. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the configuration
22 information includes a time setting, and the computing device automatically
23 configures the time / date parameters with the time setting.

1 30. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the configuration
2 information includes a city name and a state name, and the computing device
3 automatically configures the city and state names.
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5 31. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the configuration
6 information includes a telephone area code, and the computing device
7 automatically configures the telephone area code for the computing device.
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9 32. (Once Amended) A system comprising:

10 a portable computing device having a processor, memory, a small-area
11 screen, a data entry mechanism, and a transceiver for data communication;

12 a zip code database server remote from the portable computing device, the
13 zip code database server correlating zip codes with corresponding configuration
14 information;

15 the computing device prompting a user, during an initial first boot
16 sequence, to enter a zip code;

17 the computing device establishing a data connection with the zip code
18 database server and sending the zip code from the transceiver to the zip code
19 database server;

20 the zip code database server determining the corresponding configuration
21 information from the zip code and returning the configuration information back to
22 the computing device; and

23 the computing device storing the configuration information in the memory.
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1 33. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the computing
2 device populates data fields used in configuring the computing device with the
3 configuration information.
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5 34. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the configuration
6 information includes a time setting, and the computing device automatically
7 configures the time / date parameters with the time setting.
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9 35. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the configuration
10 information includes a city name and a state name, and the computing device
11 automatically configures the city and state names.
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13 36. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 32, wherein the configuration
14 information includes a telephone area code, and the computing device
15 automatically configures the telephone area code for the computing device.
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17 37. (Once Amended) One or more computer-readable media storing
18 computer-executable instructions for:

19 executing an initial first boot sequence; and

20 during the initial first boot sequence, receiving a user-entered zip code and
21 determining corresponding configuration information from the zip code that can
22 be used to configure a computing device.
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1 38. (Unchanged) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
2 37, further comprising computer-executable instructions for configuring the
3 computing device using the configuration information.

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5 39. (Unchanged) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
6 37, further comprising computer-executable instructions for populating data fields
7 used to configure the computing device with the configuration information.

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9 40. (Unchanged) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
10 37, wherein the configuration information includes a time setting, and further
11 comprising computer-executable instructions for automatically configuring the
12 time / date parameters with the time setting.

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14 41. (Unchanged) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
15 37, wherein the configuration information includes a city name and a state name,
16 and further comprising computer-executable instructions for automatically
17 configuring the city and state names.

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19 42. (Unchanged) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim
20 37, wherein the configuration information includes a telephone area code, and
21 further comprising computer-executable instructions for automatically configuring
22 the telephone area code for the computing device.